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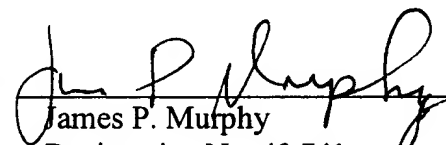
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For: Risk-Adjusted Method For Pricing
Financial Derivatives

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED NOVEMBER 23, 2001

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Dear Sir:

Applicant hereby responds to the first Office Action, dated November 23, 2001, in the above-entitled application, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.111.

REMARKS

Claims 1-2 are pending in the Application. Claims 1 and 2 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Sandretto (U.S. Patent No. 5,812,988). Applicant respectfully traverses the Examiner's rejection, for the following reasons.

First, Applicant's invention relates to methods for determining a price of a financial derivative, while qualitatively and quantitatively taking into account risk factors, among other things. Sandretto, on the other hand, relates to estimating future cash flows and related future events for groups of assets. Respectfully, Sandretto does not disclose or teach Applicant's claimed invention, for the following reasons.